Mr. I. N. Menon:— I may assure the Hon'ble Member that this firm publishes less than a third of the total books supplied.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— My information is that it will be more than 90 per cent. Am I wrong ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— The Hon'ble Member is wrong.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— May I know what are the proposals of the Director to the Government ?

Mr. President:—The proposals of the Departmental heads cannot be divulged before they are considered by the Government.

Mr. Devadhar's report on the inquiry into the Co-operative Movement in Cochin.

184. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received the report from Mr. Devadhar on the inquiry into the Co-operative Movement in Cochin;

(2) when did they receive it;

(3) whether any orders were passed upon it;

(4) whether they will be pleased to place a copy on the table?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— (1) to (4) Mr. Devadhar has not yet submitted the report.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— When did he finish his enquiry?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Early in January 1935.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Did not the Diwan give a kind assurance in the recent sitting of the Standing Finance Committee that some reforms in the meantime would be given irrespective of the submission of the Devadhar report ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Will you kindly expedite that ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Every endeavour will be made.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— When do they expect to get the report ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— About the end of August. Devadhar wrote to us that it will be submitted by the end of this month.

Mr. A. V. Mootledan:— May I know whether any time was fixed for the submission of the report ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— There was no stipulation. But there was a promise that the report would be submitted early enough, by 30th January.

Mr. A. V. Mootledan:—Was he reminded ?

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Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Often he is reminded.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know whether the Bill introduced by the Government for amending the existing Co-operative Regulation has been put off to see what Mr. Devadhar has to say upon the working of the Department ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— It has been answered that on all outstanding points action will be taken irrespective of the receipt of the report.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— How long has the Government been waiting for the report ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Only recently.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty:— Does he want to visit the State again to submit the report ?

Mr. President:—We do not know what Mr. Devadhar intends to do.

Publication of Text Books by the State.

185. Mr. A. Narayana Menon:— (1) Has any action been taken in pursuance of the resolution of this Council to purchase manuscripts from individual authors and to publish such of them as are pronounced fit to be prescribed as text books by the Government; if so, what action is taken;

(2) what is the nature of the organisation proposed to be made to undertake this work;

(3) do the Government know that under the existing rules individual authors have to spend large sums of money to get their works printed for presentation to the Text Book Committee and for circulation among members;

(4) do not poor but deserving authors suffer by this;

(5) will not the term granted to many text books expire at the end of this year ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— (1) and (2). The proposal is engaging the attention of the Government.

(3) They have to spend some money for the purpose.

(4) They may.

(5) The term of some of the text books will expire by the end of this educational year.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon:—Sir, I have been authorised to put supplementary questions by Mr. A. Narayana Menon.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:—Am I to understand that text books will be purchased before they are printed ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—It is not said so in the answer.

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